As regard civil reforms, the Government conjointly with the State Government of J&K is continuing to pursue a multi-pronged strategy to bring peace and normalcy in the State. The major prongs of the strategy are (i) proactive talking of cross border terrorism with J&K; (ii) accelerated economic development of the State; (iii) being prepared to talk with any group of people within the State who eschew the path of violence. Necessary refinements in the above strategy continue to be made as per requirements from time to time.

Terrorists entering J&K after General Musharaf's commitment

793. SHRI SUNIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorists who entered Jammu and Kashmir after commitment from General Musharaf to stop infiltration; and

(b) the details of the terrorist outfits and training camps indentified/ located by Government at various places of Jammu and Kashmir which are presently run/sponsored by Pak Government and ISI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Though exact figures of infiltration at any given point are not possible to know, all estimates indicate that following General Musharaf's commitment made under international pressure to stop infiltration as publically stated through his speech on 27 May, 2002 there was a drop in infiltration; however infiltration attempts have again picked up. The assessments also indicate that there is a slight decline in infiltration in current calender year as compared with the previous calender year.

(b) Training camps exist across the IB/LoC in Pakistan/Pok. Government have no reports regarding existence of training camps in J&K. However, terrorists are reported to have from time to time set up temporary camps/hideouts using shelters like dhoks, shepherds' huts in remote jungle areas.

Construction of shopping complex near Moreh No-Mans Land

794. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Manipur Government has sent a report to the Centre

regarding construction of Shopping Complex by Myanmar authorities near Moreh on a stretch of land which is "No-Mans Land";

(b) the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At the recently held national level meeting between India and Myanmar on July 10, 2002, Government of India raised the issue of the shopping complex recently constructed at Tamu possibly too close to the international boundary. The Myanmar side has noted the query and the GoI suggestion that the site in question would be inspected jointly for an early and amicable solution.

ISI bases in Bangladesh

795. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state·

(a) whether reports have been received by Government that after the change of Government in Bangladesh ISI of Pakistan has set up bases in areas like Srihatta, Milanpani, Dinajpur and Chattagram in the country;

(b) whether reports have also been received that ISI is supplying arms and other assistance to militants in India particularly in North-Eastern States;

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(d) whether the matter has been taken up with Bangladesh authorities; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) While there is no information to suggest that after the change of Government in Bangladesh Pak ISI has set up bases in areas like Srihatta, Milanpani, Dinajpur and Chattagram, reports indicate that Pak ISI has been helping the North East militants/terrorists in purchase and tranportation of arms consignment from abroad to the North Eastern Region. It is also revealed that Pak ISI is providing assistance to North East militants in terms of money. Pak ISI has also been motivating misguided youths for training across the border.